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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Jonathan E. Freedman, Chief Deputy Director
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SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND
NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO AMEND TWO AGREEMENTS**

This is to inform you that on December 14, 2010, the Department of Public Health (DPH) Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) submitted an application for funding for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program award. This was in response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the State of California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) in conjunction with the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP). The grant will provide enhancement funding to counties for a twelve-month period beginning January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, in the amount of \$3 million, of which DPH can apply for approximately \$525,000.

In 1999, the Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation Act (CDCI) established a funding stream for State drug courts. CDCI was originally designed to serve adult-pre-plea and post-plea offenders and misdemeanants, and juveniles and parents of children who are detained by, or are dependents of, the juvenile court who appear in adult, dependency or juvenile drug courts, respectively. However, CDCI was later amended to focus exclusively on convicted felons placed on formal probation.

Therefore, the goal of this grant is to provide enhanced drug treatment services for the CDCI criminal justice population. In order to meet this goal, the following are allowable expenditures: increasing residential capacity, providing narcotic treatment therapy, utilizing outpatient and detoxification services, and utilizing sober living environments to intensify outpatient treatment options. To carry this out, counties are able to increase funding to existing comprehensive drug court agencies that provide residential services. Currently, there are only two agencies in Los Angeles County that meet these criteria and render these services, Principles, Inc. and Tarzana Treatment Center (TTC).

Once notification of grant funding is received from the State, DPH will request Board approval to accept the grant award and to amend the existing residential drug court contracts with

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Principles and TTC to reflect additional funding and to expand existing services, effective on the date of Board approval through December 31, 2011.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me.

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